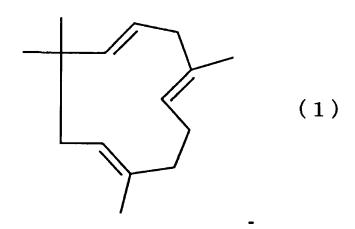
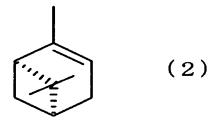
## **Amendments to the Claims**

Please amend the claims as follows (the changes are shown with strikethrough for deleted matter and <u>underlining</u> for added matter). A complete listing of the claims is set out below with proper claim identifiers.

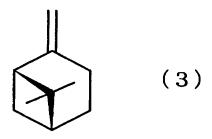
- 1. (Original) An interleukin-8 production promoter comprising as an active ingredient at least one kind selected from the group consisting of a peppermint extract and a dokudami (houttuynia herb) extract.
- 2. (Original) An interleukin-8 production promoter comprising a licorice extract as an active ingredient.
- 3. (Original) An interleukin-8 production promoter comprising as an active ingredient at least one compound selected from the group consisting of  $\alpha$ -humulene represented by formula (1):



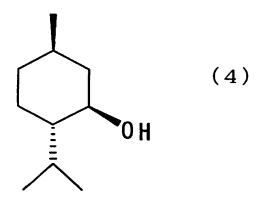
 $\alpha$ -pinene represented by formula (2):



 $\beta$ -pinene represented by formula (3):



and L-menthol represented by formula (4):



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4. (Original) A composition for promoting interleukin production comprising an interleukin-8 production promoter according to any one of claims 1 to 3 as an active ingredient.

- 5. (Original) A composition for immunostimulation comprising an interleukin-8 production promoter according to any one of claims 1 to 3 as an active ingredient.
- 6. (Original) A composition for preventing or treating an infectious disease comprising an interleukin-8 production promoter according to any one of claims 1 to 3 as an active ingredient.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The composition according to any one of elaims 4 to 6claim 4, wherein the composition is used for food and drink use.
- 8. (Original) A method for promoting interleukin production in mammal comprising administering an effective amount of at least one kind selected from the group consisting of a peppermint extract, a dokudami (houttuynia herb) extract, a licorice extract, a compound represented by formula (1), a compound represented by formula (2), a compound represented by formula (3), and a compound represented by formula (4) to mammal that need them.
- 9. (Original) A method for stimulating immunity in mammal comprising administering an effective amount of at least one kind selected from the group consisting of a peppermint extract, a dokudami (houttuynia herb) extract, a licorice extract, a compound represented by formula (1), a compound represented by formula (2), a compound represented by formula (3), and a compound represented by formula (4) to mammal that need them.
- 10. (Original) A method for preventing or treating an infectious disease in mammal comprising administering an effective amount of at least one kind selected from the group consisting of a peppermint extract, a dokudami (houttuynia herb) extract, a licorice extract, a compound represented by formula (1), a compound

represented by formula (2), a compound represented by formula (3), and a compound represented by formula (4) to mammal that need them.

- 11. (New) The composition according to claim 5, wherein the composition is used for food and drink use.
- 12. (New) The composition according to claim 6, wherein the composition is used for food and drink use.